

WELDED IN A LONDON WAREHOUSE.

One of the most daring robberies that have occupied the attention of the Metropolitan Police for several years past was skillfully carried out on Saturday afternoon, says the *Daily Mail* of December 29, amid the bustling activity of Clerkenwell.

Colonel T. J. Stockall, V.D., commanding the 21st Middlesex Rifle Volunteers, one of the partners in the large and old-established firm of wholesale jewellers, Messrs J. J. Stockall and Sons, Limited, was "held up" in his warehouse by three well-dressed men, who, while pointing a pistol at his head, demanded the keys of the safe in which thousands of pounds' worth of jewellery were stored.

The colonel stoutly refused to hand them over, whereupon he was struck down by a blow delivered with a blunt instrument from behind. His legs and arms were securely strapped, a gag was placed in his mouth, and his keys were torn from his grasp. The thieves then removed his boots, evidently to prevent his making a noise by kicking upon the floor, and tied him in a standing position to the supports of some shelves hidden behind a partition.

There he remained suffering the agonies of hunger and thirst, with the cords cutting into his wrists and ankles, from four o'clock on Saturday afternoon until eight o'clock on Monday morning, when he was found in a very exhausted condition by a warehouseman. His wrists and legs were very much swollen, and his right hand, in which he held his keys, was severely injured by the men, who tore them by brute force from his grasp after he was securely bound. His head is also slightly injured.

OUR NEW CRUISERS.

Engineering describes the new cruisers about to be laid down in the dockyards, and compares them with earlier vessels. The cruisers of the *Diadem* class have only a 4-in. protective deck, and the thickest armour on the gun positions is 4½ in., so that they are absolutely incapable of standing up against a cruiser with a modern 7-in. gun, firing armour-piercing or capped projectiles. The first of the County cruisers were little superior, as on the broadside they had Krupp steel only 4 in. thick, and the largest gun fitted on board was also in this instance the 6-in. weapon, which is not now reckoned quite satisfactory, even as a secondary gun on cruisers or warships. The later vessels of this class were improved by the fitting of a how and stern-chasing 7.5-in. gun, while at the same time the broadside belt was increased in thickness to 6 in. But owing to the recognition of the advance in gun-power the central part of the latest ships and the gun positions are to be armoured with 7-in. and 8-in. carburized steel; at the same time the power of the guns has been very materially increased. They are to be armed with four 9.2-in. and ten 7.5-in. weapons. The guns, too, are to be of greater length than hitherto adopted, and therefore they will be of higher power than the weapons of corresponding calibre fitted in the previous ships. In other words, there will be in the new ships four weapons capable of developing an energy of something like 25,000 foot-tons, or quite five times the energy possible with the 6-in. guns of the *Diadem*, and ten developing about double the energy of the latter; so that the new cruisers at a range of four miles will be more effective vessels than the *Diadems* or the early County vessels at a range of 2½ miles. Even at this greater distance the primary guns of the new ships will collectively do more than double the damage of the 6-in. guns of the *Diadems*. In fact, one of these new cruisers of the *Minotaur* class will equal almost any two cruisers of the early County class; others might say that, as regards the *Diadems*, there is no comparison at all. This makes it the more serious that the Admiralty should reduce the number to be built to three instead of four as authorized by Parliament. The new vessels are to have a speed equal to that of the smaller and less powerful vessels, namely, 23 knots. The machinery will be of the usual four cylinder triple compound type, and will run at a piston speed of 100 ft. per minute when developing full power—27,000 indicated horse-power.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, **SATURDAY,** the 28th January, 1905, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, QUEEN'S ROAD, A FINE ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE CURIOS, comprising:—
OLD SATSUMA, FINE CHLOMONE, BROSSES, IVORIES, PANELS, ORNAMENTS and EMBROIDERED SCREENS, &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.
V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, January 26, 1905. 175

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell, by Public Auction, on **MONDAY,** the 31st January, 1905, at 3 P.M., on the 3rd Floor, Lower Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneers' Office, for erection of BOOTHS and MATSHEDS on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.
Plans:—Cash.
For Plan and Conditions of Sale, apply to HUGHES & HOUGH, Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, January 26, 1905. 161

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Auction.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Curios, etc., at Mr. Y. I. Remedios' Sales Rooms.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Meeting.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Eochuan Mark Lodge.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, January 23.—11 a.m.—Auction of Flour at Nos. 321, 323, Des Voeux Road West.
11.45 a.m.—Meeting of The West Point Building Co., Ltd., at Company's Office.
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of The Kowloon Land & Building Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Lands at the Public Works Department's Office.
Goods for Perimeter not cleared at 4 p.m. on this date subject to rent.
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TUESDAY, January 24.—Transfer Books of The Hongkong, Canton & Mexico Steamboat Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 14th February inclusive.

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BIRTH.

On January 25, at 24, Miller Road, Shanghai, the wife of N. KHELL of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On January 18, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, Capt. F. Body, China Navigation Co., son of A. Body, of Buxley Park, Bristol, to EDITH BERTRAM, daughter of G. G. Noel, of Sefton Park, Liverpool.

DEATH.

On January 21, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Limby, 12 Queens Gardens, Shanghai, Mrs. F. A. CLIFTON, in her 67th year.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All business communications for this office should be addressed to THE MANAGER.

Communications intended for publication should be addressed to THE EDITOR, and not to any person by name.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

Any communication not accompanied by the signature of the writer will be rejected without consideration.

All communications must be legibly written upon one side of the paper.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1905.

CHINA'S INTERNAL TROUBLES.

Most people who are interested in affairs Chinese are acquainted with the fact that the majority of those wild and lawless brigands who are known generally as the rebels of Kwangsi are opposed to the Manchu Dynasty. That their continuous demonstrations against authority are solely directed, however, against the throne, or that the rebels—or robbers—have hopes that eventually they will be able to overthrow the reigning house, is doubtful. Stowed away down in their hearts, perhaps, is a great ambition to wipe out the distasteful Manchu line, but it has not been demonstrated in that light yet to the wide world. No careful organization, with the idea of sweeping the country to the northward, has yet been attempted, and so disolute and uncontrollable have the various bands become that it is almost beyond belief now that out of the chaos which exists order with a definite object can ever be evolved. It is reported from Fukien province, however, that a good deal of disaffection against the Manchu Dynasty is becoming noticeable, and strenuous effort is being made to foster it by those powerful secret societies which honeycomb, not only the Fukien province, but the whole of the great Empire of China. These societies are said to be showing at present increased activity, and, in fact, it is declared they are getting ready for a revolution. How many times have there been 'revolutions' in China, and how many more 'revolutions' will there be? Outsiders must surely imagine the country to be perpetually in such a state, so often has the report been circulated abroad that the people are up in arms. Truth is said to be at the bottom of a well, and if that is so, surely the well in China must be very deep, for it is impossible to say how much truth there is in the vast variety of rumours that gain currency. Doubtless the increase in taxation, the bad seasons, heavy floods, the rapacity of the mandarins, and other trials of life in China all have their part to play in creating a spirit of discontent, and now and again some more definite knowledge of the undercurrents of national feeling are allowed to come to the surface, and cause a little more gossip than usual. Before China can be cleansed of all uncertainty as to the possibility of armed outbreaks a monarch different in character from the Dowager Empress will have to be put upon the throne, and more enlightenment will have to be shed in the dark places. Missionaries have for years past been doing their best in that direction, and, with the advent of the railway, we can hope for faster strides. The distance between the coolie and literate classes in the interior and the civilised people in the outside world will be considerably lessened by its means, and there is every probability that its influence will be for good. Newspapers will also have a material effect upon the future of the Empire, and already the influence of the press is observed to be steadily on the increase. There are ten readers to-day for every one of a few years back, and the leaven of new thought is at work everywhere. But who can guide or control the influence of new ideas when they are let loose on a people so illogical as the

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

There is the rub. The danger is that, for want of the power of distinguishing between what is vital and helpful from what is ephemeral and harmful, many who write to Chinese newspapers overstep the boundary between what is really lawful and unlawful. In their laudable desire to correct abuses and improve morals, they are prone to come into collision with the powers that be, and then heads come off. A reformer in all ages runs the risk of being dubbed a revolutionist, and in China there is increased danger. The ruling classes are ever on the alert to nip in the bud any movement they calculate to be directed towards the undermining of the Manchus, and the terror they inspire by their summary method of dealing with 'reformers' inspires others with such a profound fear that they scarcely dare breathe the opinions that they perhaps hold. That is the reason the reform ideas of the few have not spread and grown amongst those whose conditions would be ameliorated by a change; but someday the leader will arise, and then we will see such a vigorous campaign that there will be no resisting it. It will have to be on different lines to that of the Kwangsi 'rebellion,' and similar atrocious risings, however, or else it will have neither weight nor possibility of success. Organisation will have to be the first step, add 'unity' the watchword. Where these do not exist people can rest assured that there will be no sweeping revolution. Local risings and riots need not be heeded; they have been part and parcel of China ever since she has been China.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

At the inquest, held at the Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, concerning the death of T. C. Greenlan, late Chief Officer of the 'Pak Kong,' a verdict of death by drowning while under the influence of liquor was returned.

The annual meeting of shareholders and subscribers to St. John's Cathedral will be held at St. Paul's College on Tuesday next at 5 p.m. The general account shows a credit balance of \$4,136.50 and the Choir Fund \$117.09.

'Far Eastern Review.'

The January number of the Far Eastern Review, of Manila, is out and as usual contains much that is of interest to commercial and engineering people. There are several photos of the Peak Tramway but they do not show the gradient well at all. It is difficult, indeed, to secure any photos that do.

Band at Hongkong Hotel.

By kind permission of Col. Caulfield and officers, the Band of the 110th Madras Light Infantry will play the following selections at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow evening January 28:—March: 'Iolanthe'..... Sullivan Selection: 'Kitty Gray'..... Monckton Vale Song: 'The Officers'..... Cootes Selection: 'The Gray Goggles'..... Liddle Selection: 'The Naught Girl'..... Soloman Polka: 'Off You Go'..... Coates

Homeward Bound.

When the P. and O. 'Coromandel' sails for England to-morrow she will take with her the Rev. W. and Mrs. Bridie. Mr. Bridie has for the past two years been acting chaplain of the Wesleyan Church, Wanchai, and during that time he and his wife have endeared themselves to all who have become their friends, and especially to the garrison and the men-of-war-men who have come under their spiritual care. Mr. Bridie is an enthusiastic and broad-minded worker, and possesses many other attributes that mark out the gentleman. He will be missed by very many residents, but they will be pleased to know that he and his good wife are returning at or long and arduous, though successful, labours in Canton and this Colony to enjoy the remainder of their days in the land of their birth. During Mr. Bridie's term of service in Hongkong the Wanchai Church has been enlarged at a cost of nearly \$5,000, which has all been paid up, and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, of which he has been Superintendent, important improvements and alterations have been made, involving an outlay of several thousand dollars. The Home is now one of the finest institutions of its kind, and Mr. Bridie will long be remembered in connection with it. We, with their friends, wish them bon voyage.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.—This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold can be wiped off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. Sold by All Dealers; WATKINS & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Trade with Port Arthur.

The Shanghai Taitai has received a despatch from H. E. Viceroy Chou Fu, at Nanking, informing him that instructions have been received from the Waiwpa, in deference to the request of the Japanese Government, to prohibit, for the present, Chinese merchant vessels (steamers and sea-going junks) from going to Port Arthur to trade. The Shanghai Taitai was also instructed to communicate with the Commissioner of Customs requesting the latter to see that this prohibition is obeyed.

Band at King Edward Hotel.

By kind permission of Major Radcliffe and Officers, the Band of the 93rd Durum Infantry will play the following programme of music at the above Hotel, during dinner, to-night, the 27th Jan.—March: 'Thy Dear Old Country'..... Carter Overture: 'Semiramide'..... Rossini Selection: 'Three Little Maids'..... Rubens Duces: 'Hungarian'..... Muller Selection: 'Kitty Gray'..... Monckton Vale Song: 'The Gray Goggles'..... Liddle Selection: 'The Naught Girl'..... Soloman Polka: 'Off You Go'..... Coates

A Junk Sinks.

The strong wind that commenced to blow shortly before midnight last night proved very troublesome to small junks, sampans and other small craft in the harbour. One junk that was passing through the harbour about midnight went down in the Northern Fairway and it is believed that the junk was responsible for her sinking. Seven of her crew have not yet reported their whereabouts to the police so that it is not known whether they escaped in a sampan or not. The mast of the junk can now be seen a few feet above water.

Alice Memorial Hospital.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—Reiss & Co., Ltd. \$300 D. S. S. Co., Ltd. 100 V. H. Duncan 100 Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co., Ltd. 100 J. R. M. Smith 100 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank 100 W. B. Dixon 50 Hon. Sir C. F. Chater 50 J. D. Humphreys & Son 50 Arnold Knibbs & Co., Ltd. 50 Carlwick & Co., Ltd. 50 W. G. Humphreys & Co., Ltd. 50 Johnson, Stokes & Master 50 Lau Wai Chun 50 K. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co., Ltd. 50 Lane, Crawford & Co., Ltd. 50

Cement for Manila.

An important contract was awarded on January 13th by the consulting engineer to the Philippines Civil Commission, which will amount to nearly P150,000. It is for the supply of 30,000 barrels of cement to be used in the harbor improvements now being made at Cebu. The award went to the Alston Portland Cement Company of Hamburg, Germany, and the delivery will be made by the first of April next. This was one of the most keenly fought for contracts which has been advertised for some considerable time, says the Far Eastern Review, and quite a number of firms submitted bids which were opened December 31st last. The contract price of the cement accepted is \$2.27 per barrel. In commenting on the matter the journal remarks that it is regrettable that the Insular Purchasing Laws are so laxly formed as to make possible the awarding of a large contract for supplies to a foreign firm not represented in the Islands.

The Emperor of Germany's Birthday.

The anniversary of the Emperor of Germany's birthday was celebrated to-day by the German residents of the Colony in their usual loyal fashion. Dr. Kruger, Consul for Germany, was at home at the Consulate during the morning and received numerous calls from members of the different Consular bodies while His Excellency the Governor also sent a representative to offer his congratulations. The two German warships in the harbour were decorated with bunting in honour of the occasion and fired the usual salute at noon and the British and other men-of-war also followed suit. On board of the 'Sperber' divine service was held at which a number of prominent German residents were present, and to-night at the Club Germania a dinner in honour of the Emperor is to be given to which about 90 gentlemen are invited, including the officers of the German men-of-war. A very enjoyable evening was spent last evening on board the 'Sperber' when a smoking concert, or 'Bismarck,' was given at which Dr. Kruger and a number of other residents were present. A programme of musical and gymnastic events was contributed by the crew and was greatly appreciated.

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FIGHTING THE AUTOCRAT.

TREPPOFF'S EXTRAORDINARY POWERS.

Reign of Terror Promised.

LONDON, Jan. 26.

The Tsar of Russia has issued a decree conferring upon General Trepoff, the newly-appointed Governor-General of St. Petersburg, the most drastic powers of administration in order that he might cope with the riots.

The Tsar has taken the unusual step of transferring to him the rights of the Minister of the Interior over all local authorities in the St. Petersburg District.

It is hoped by this step to make the punishment of the strikers so immediate and drastic that they will be glad to return to their work.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE BLOODTHIRSTY TSAR.

LONDON, January 24.

Serious rioting has taken place at Radom, Korno and Vilna. Father Gapon has issued fresh letters to the troops and various classes of society, urging them to unite for vengeance on the bloodthirsty Tsar and all his reptile brood. All his ministers are gilligors. These letters copied by manifold are being distributed in thousands.

STRICT CENSORSHIP IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, January 25.

Apparently, a strict censorship is being enforced in Russia, and news is consequently scanty, but the authorities seem to have gained a complete mastery in St. Petersburg.

CHINA'S NEUTRALITY.

China has replied to Mr. Hay's Circular denying that she has sworn an oath of neutrality, but she considers that Russia has violated her neutrality in a number of instances.

VOLUNTEER BALL.

The Volunteer Ball, held at the City Hall last night, turned out to be one of the best dances of the year. The attendance was very high, there being upwards of 700 invitations sent out by the Committee, and a very large percentage was accepted. The decorations were carried out in appropriate fashion, three maxim guns adorning the first landing on the staircase, while the bayonets which hung on the walls, and the miniature barricade erected in the centre of the landing were characteristic of the occasion. Above was the crest of the corps, illuminated, while flags and greenery had been used in the decorative scheme with a lavish hand.

Promptly at nine o'clock His Excellency

Sir Matthew Nathan, accompanied by Major C. G. Prichard, Major A. Chapman, and Captain W. Armstrong, Honorary A. D. C., entered the ballroom and very shortly afterwards dancing commenced. There were actually two many people present to make dancing enjoyable, but those who were fortunate enough to find room entered into the evening's pleasure with zest.

The usual cloak room for ladies, waiting rooms and card room were provided, with the refreshment bar in the library. Supper was served continuously, in the old Chamber of Commerce Room. The arrangements were voted excellent by all and the energetic Committee responsible are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. Those responsible for the arrangements were:—Major Prichard and Chapman, Capt. Armstrong and MacDonald, Lieutenants Oak, Oliver and Northcote, Sergeant-Majors Higby and Logan, Sergeants Andrews, Stewart and Hanco, Corporal McKirdy and Sapper Watson.

The Amateur Dramatic Company will

stage the farce 'Jane' at the Theatre Royal to-morrow and Monday night. The success of the last two performances will, doubtless, ensure filled houses.

M. de Witte, President of the Committee of Ministers, is actively preparing material for the study of the reforms indicated in the Tsar's manifesto. The first meeting of the Committee regarding the same was to have been held on January 3.

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FEMALE EDUCATION IN CHINA.

Empress Defers the Question.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 26.

For some time now it has been publicly indicated that it was the Imperial will that schools for females should be opened throughout China, and it was hoped that there would be little opposition thereto.

Recently it has transpired that a censor has memorialized the Empress Dowager on the question. The latter, therefore, convinced that the time is not ripe and if it were pushed forward there would be wide discussions and much opposition.

The matter is, consequently, to be deferred till the people are more willing, and understand more clearly the advantages of emancipation.

A PETITION FOR EXCHANGE.

COMPENSATION.

A petition signed by the subordinate officials of the Government Civil Service has been forwarded to the Governor asking him to reconsider an application made in Sir Henry Blake's time for exchange compensation. The petition points out that in recent years the value of the dollar has been very greatly reduced and therefore the purchasing power of salaries fixed some years ago is not as great as it was then intended to be. In addition to this it is also pointed out that the cost of living has very greatly increased and that in consequence the petitioners find themselves unable to live with the decency that becomes a public officer, and unable to provide for and educate their children, who aspire to follow them in the Civil Service, in such a manner as to fit them to do so. The scheme of classification adopted after the last petition was sent in has benefited the subordinate officials to a very small extent and further it is claimed that the petitioners do not obtain the rewards, in the way of increments, that are given for long and faithful service in private employ.

KWANGSI REBELS CAPTURED.

A Leader Beheaded.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 27.

It is reported that recently at Yan Chow, a local rebel leader, with about two hundred followers, were surrounded by the prefect of Ling Shan.

In the skirmish which followed, the rebel leader was captured, and his followers scattered, though not before many of them had been slain. Their leader, who was named Wong Yan Cheung, was at once taken to Wuchow, and brought before the Viceroy.

The latter established a temporary tribunal, examined and condemned the prisoner, and ordered that he be beheaded on the spot.

Further, it is reported that the troops of a certain foreign power—presumably French—are anxious to march into Long Chow, in order to suppress the trouble and confusion. But as the motives of such troops are doubtful, their wishes have been thrice thwarted by Cheung Han Sol, for the people stand in great dread of such assistance.

JAPANESE IN TROUBLE IN CANTON.

Attack on a Temple Keeper.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 26.

In the outer city, in front of a popular temple of the god of war, is a space, in which, from time to time, the people gather for worship, and it is not permitted that vendors of wares shall open their stalls on this sacred spot.

This notwithstanding, a few days ago two Japanese came and set up a stall, on which they arranged sponge cakes for sale. The temple keeper ordered them off; but as the Japanese did not understand Cantonese, they refused to obey orders, and when the crowd gathered, they turned on the temple keeper and with their fists gave him a sound thrashing. The people then became enraged. They began to knock the Japanese about and they fled, leaving their kettles and frying pans behind, to the mercy of the mob.

The Japanese retreated to their consular, and reported the matter to him. He at once took the matter up, and a local minor official was sent to look into it. The result was that the temple keeper was compelled to indemnify the Japanese for the loss of their cakes and their cooking apparatus. The people are feeling very sore about the affair.

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HONGKONG COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

Presentation of Diplomas.

The presentation of diplomas, gained by students of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese took place in the Legislative Council Chamber, at noon, in the presence of a number of gentlemen interested in the work of the College. His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. R. A. B. Ponsbury, was present and presented the diplomas. Amongst those present were: Hon. Mr. F. H. May (Rector) Dr. F. Clarke (Dean), Dr. J. C. Thompson (Secretary), Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Mr. T. Pierce, Hon. Mr. Brown, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Dr. Bateson Wright, Mr. J. Dyer Paul, Hon. Mr. Wai Yuk, Dr. W. Hunter, Dr. Barnett, Deputy Inspector Gimlette, R.N., Dr. P. Jordan, Mr. David Wood, Rev. C. H. Hickling, Mr. A. Ramjahn, and Mr. Young Hoo. On His Excellency's arrival Dr. Clark read the following address:—

Your Excellency—I have the honor to present to you four students of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese, who have, after five years of real hard work, earned the proud distinction of becoming Licentiate of that College. The profession of Medicine is one that calls for many high qualities on the part of its votaries, and it is our earnest hope that these gentlemen will worthily maintain the honour and dignity of their calling; that they will be exemplary in the discharge of their civil duties; that they will not look upon their admission to our ranks solely as a means of earning a livelihood, though truly the labourer is worthy of his hire, in this, in all that earnest work, but rather that they will remember that it is their special privilege to extend relief and consolation to their fellow creatures in the hour of their affliction; and lastly that they will assist in spreading the light of learning among their countrymen, whose eyes have yet to be opened to many of the marvellous truths of modern science. We have much to learn from that ancient nation whose vast Empire lies beside us, for we are they not models of patience and industry for all the world to imitate? But in the matter of the relief of human suffering the East has lagged sadly behind the West, and though the Asian pharmacopoeia contained many of the most potent drugs now known to Western Science for long years before their names even were known to us, yet they have been almost entirely neglected by all that supergrowth of mysticism, astrology and sorcery, from which the more robust thought of our own nation has long since shaken itself free. Yet we must not think that China's leaders are altogether indifferent to the forward progress of science, for late Li Hung Chang, wrote to us in 1887 that "He hoped Chemistry and Anatomy would form a large and particular part of the training we meant to give to the men who were to be the doctors of the future. We have not yet done all that we wish to do in the direction of the teaching of Anatomy from the cadaver, but we have gone, I think, as far as we can under present conditions, and now we only await a College building for the more efficient training of our students, especially in the subjects of Anatomy and Chemistry, the former of which requires a Dissecting room and the latter a well equipped laboratory, and I think I may say that this is already beginning to take shape on paper, although we have not yet reached the more practical stage of building and mortar. The College has now 40 students attending its courses of lectures, which is double the number of students that we had only five years ago, and this ever increasing pressure on our space renders it ideal and with this aim in view we hope to do in the near future to awaken the sympathies and loosen the purse-strings of our many friends here, and in China, and at home, and thus add one more monument to the marvellous progress and stability of our Colony.

The wording of our Diploma runs as follows: "We, the Dean, Lecturers and Examiners of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese, hereby declare that, after having attended courses of lectures during a period of five years, in the various departments of professional study required by the College, has been examined and has duly satisfied the examiners in each of those subjects; that he is qualified to practise Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery; and that by authority of the Court of the College he is hereby granted the title of Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery of the Hongkong College of Medicine for Chinese." I now have the honour to present to your Excellency Mr. Siu Chai, Mr. Ma Lik, Mr. Eugene Lionel de Souza, and Mr. To Ying Kwan, to receive at your hands the diplomas which they have so justly earned.

His Excellency then presented the diplomas and after doing so said:—It gives me great pleasure to present the diplomas to the students who have won them in an honourable profession, which has for its objects the saving of life and the diminution of human suffering.

The Hon. Mr. May, addressing His Excellency, said:—On behalf of the members of the Court and College I beg to tender our thanks for coming here to-day. We all know how many demands are made on your time at this season of the year and we appreciate all the more your coming here to-day.

Negroes v. Whites.

For the first time in the history of the race trouble in the Southern States of America, the judicial authorities of Brookhaven have taken action on behalf of the negroes. Of the members of one of the local Vigilance Committees implicated in negro-lynching, all being white men, one was sentenced to imprisonment for life, five to 50 years' penal servitude, one to 25 years, and four to 20 years.—*Ex.*

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SPORTING.

Cricket.

"STAYATHOMES" v. INTERPORT A TEAM.
The match on the Cricket Ground tomorrow afternoon will be between the "Stayathomes" and the Hongkong Interport "A" Team selected to visit Swatow next week. Tiffin will be provided in the pavilion at 12.30 and the match is set down to start promptly at 1 o'clock.

The teams selected are as follows:—"Stayathomes"—Messrs R. Hancock, H. G. C. Bailey, A. S. Ward, T. E. Pearce, J. T. Dixon, R. R. Phillips, A. O. Brown, Major "Fodder" Capt. H. W. Smith, J. O. Aird, and Commander T. Shelton.

Interport "A" Team.—Messrs H. Hancock, F. C. Butcher, A. Mackenzie, Walter Dixon, G. E. Morrell, W. W. G. Ross, P. W. Goldring, J. W. C. Dunbar, N. H. Rutherford, G. P. Lammert, A. Rodgers, Sub-Lieut. Holley, R.N. and Lieut. Bird.

The League Cricket fixtures for tomorrow are:—

POLICE v. ARMY ORDNANCE CORPS.
CRAIGENOWER v. ROYAL ENGINEERS.
CIVIL SERVICE v. HONGKONG "A."

The Army Ordnance Corps of form should easily defeat the Police Eleven: Craigengower and Royal Engineers will probably be a close game; and the Hongkong "A" team stand an excellent chance of defeating the Civil Service.

CRAIGENOWER v. THE R.E.

This League match will be played tomorrow on the former Club's ground commencing at 2.15 p.m. The following will represent Craigengower: Messrs L. E. Lammer, A. O. Brown, J. D. Kinnaird, M. E. Agnew, R. B. B. Ford, R. Paston, L. A. Ross, J. L. Stuart, L. Almada e Castro and J. P. Jordan.

The following will play for the H. K. C. C. Reserves v. Civil Service C. C. on Saturday, 28th inst., at 2 p.m., on the Civil Service Ground Happy Valley:—A. Oliver, E. A. Fowler, R. C. S. Waller, C. H. Fallom, P. J. Gibson, R. Cleveland, Rev. B. R. Wells, F. W. Spencer, T. C. Gray, R. P. Wolf, and A. C. Dutt (Captain).

The following team will represent the Civil Service Club in tomorrow's match against the Hongkong Cricket Club:—Dr. Atkinson, G. H. Jackson, A. R. F. Brown, R. H. Gray, W. H. Woolley, P. F. Lammert, W. L. Weaver, R. W. White, W. T. Andrews, R. T. Robinson, and L. E. Brett.

The following is the League table up to date (3 points for a win and 1 for a draw):

Club	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Pts.
Any Order	12	10	1	1	31
Royal Engineers	13	6	3	4	22
Kowloon	10	7	3	0	21
Craigengower	11	6	4	1	19
H. K. Police	11	5	3	3	18
R. G. A. Bird	12	5	5	2	17
Civil Service	12	3	7	2	11
H. K. C. C. at 7	2	2	0	0	6
R.A.M.C.	12	2	10	0	6
Reserves	8	0	8	0	0

Football.

The Hongkong Football Club defeated a naval team at Happy Valley yesterday by three goals and three tries (24 pts) to nil. Batemen scored three times, Dixon twice and Soper once, while the goals were kicked by Ranking.

H. M. S. "Albion" defeated H. M. S. "Hogue" in an association match yesterday by 12 goals to nil.

H. M. S. "Ocean" easily defeated H. M. S. "Phaenix" by 7 goals to nil.

FOOTBALL CHALLENGE SHIELD.

The first match in the opening round of the Football Challenge Shield will take place on Saturday, the 28th inst., on the Hongkong Club's Ground, between H. M. S. "Gloria" and Royal Artillery. Kick off 2.30 p.m. Members who wish to be admitted free to the Hongkong Club's Stand are requested to present their tickets of membership, otherwise they will be charged the usual fee for admission.

Boxing.

The arrangements for the boxing matches to take place in the City Hall on Saturday, February 4, are now completed. The men engaged to box are, from all accounts, already in fine condition and interesting contests are expected. The two preliminary bouts will be fought between Kemp and Edwards, who met in Colombo recently in a six round contest, and Marryat, late of the Sherwoods, and Sutcliffe, H.M.S. "Tamar." The first named pair are bantam weights and from the display they gave in the preliminary men are feather weights. The bouts are limited to three and six rounds respectively. The principal bouts, in which J. Christie and S. Newman fight men from the West Kowloon, promise to be interesting.

GENERAL NEWS.

With a view of avoiding a large increase in the American navy, the New York Sun recommends an alliance between the United States and Great Britain for self defence in the event of either Power being attacked by more than one naval Power.

British Politics.

The election for Stalybridge, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Viscount Rodney, father of the Conservative member, has resulted in the return of Mr. J. F. Chesterman, the Liberal candidate, and Free Trader, who polled 4,023 votes against Mr. J. T. Trevis-Cole, the Conservative candidate, who polled 3,078.

The Plague in India.

Calcutta, January 26.—The weekly total of plague deaths in India continues to rise, owing to the increasing prevalence of the disease in the United Provinces. In the seven days ending the 31st ultimo, there were 9,514 plague deaths in the United Provinces, compared with 6,822 in the previous week, and 5,913 in the corresponding period a year ago. The mortality is also rising in the Punjab and Bengal, but in these areas the advance is less marked. In the Bombay Presidency it is declining markedly.

GOSSIP FROM SHANGHAI.

[BY THE NONENTITY.]

SHANGHAI, January 18.

The echoes of the Bund Tragedy are still with us; indeed, the ridiculous sentence of four years' imprisonment passed on the "Akold" sailor who committed the crime has served to fan the slumbering indignation into fiercer flame, and once again it was only the prompt action of the Ningpo gentry which succeeded in subduing a rioting which most assuredly would have ended in a riot, harmful both to the agitators and the Settlement at large.

A resolution has been passed that no notes on the Russo-Chinese Bank are to be accepted. This may have little sound sense but it will of necessity cause inconvenience, and, as a matter of fact, a shroff connected with a Hongkong Wharf was fixed in his determination not to accept payment in this kind from an irate customer yesterday. It is easy to talk about the lack of combination and organisation amongst the Chinese but it is not quite accurate. They do not let us know all their doings, and once a fiat has gone forth no member of the Ningpo Guild dare disobey. As an instance of this, I know a lady who is completely ostracised as regards servants. Neither amah, cook, coolie nor boy can she obtain. Her husband is too fond of a rather aggressive authority and she objects to the slightest suspicion of a "squeeze." At last she succeeded in obtaining a boy, who suddenly disappeared, only to turn up a few days after. He confessed he would like to remain in her service, but by order of the Guild had been taken into the country, and unmercifully beaten with a threatened repetition if he acted for her again. But to return to the Bund Tragedy. Out of evil cometh good, and it is already beginning to make its appearance in the closing of one or two of the drinking halls which cluster so thickly in their vice up the Boon Road. Sailors of all nationalities find a ready welcome there, but it was especially the Russian bluejacket who made it his haunt, and now both he and his money are looked on with distrust and he is no longer hono- com- panion for all men.

Shanghai is agog with pleasurable excitement at the prospect of welcoming the Hongkong footballers during the Chinese New Year. [We are, sorry Shanghai is 'to be disappointed—Ed. C.M.] There is a unanimous conviction that all manner of festivities are to mark their advent, but the schemes that have hitherto hatched through our brains have as yet taken no definite form and we are busy discussing how best to show our appreciation of the visit and wondering whether we shall come off victors in the friendly fray. The Chinese New Year up to the present has always been regarded as insufferably dull and now we shall have something really to interest us and we hope it will form a precedent for many successive years. To watch cricket is an enjoyment for the expert few, but football, whether it be Rugby or its gentler kinsman, affords over the novel continual excitement. Circumstances of fate have prevented me being an enthusiastic player, but I have a distinct recollection of tramping ten miles in my school days to witness the final tie in a Senior Cup Competition.

Flour Friedenthal has given us another and farrow opportunity of dabbling in the world musical and this time he was summoned to his aid the amateur talent in Shanghai, which does not exactly hide itself behind a bushel. Perhaps it is too big to be hidden, but we can have patience because we listened to a very good programme of difficult vocal and orchestral music. And Shanghai the diletante has been pulled up, and also it has been reminded that manners make the man, and I suppose the man makes the Settlement. Anyhow, certain it was that when the appointed hour to commence had passed away and time was creeping onwards unmistakable manifestations of resentment were given by the reform party, and hurriedly a start was made. And how we all trembled and wriggled when the pianist sat himself down before the instrument, and sternly regarded us until we remembered where we were and sat at attention. I liked him very much for it, but I did wish I had some cough lozenges. Mrs. Grove played the orchestral part of Greig's Concerto in A Minor, and together they rendered a very effective and united treatment, but let me just whisper in your ear that I think it was a pity that wandering and much advertised piano of Herr Friedenthal did not linger even longer at Wooming, because it was decidedly metallic and killed artistic interpretation. Miss von Forster and Mr. Ellinger contributed vocal solos and a duet, and Mr. Ellinger is sincerely to be congratulated on a very fine voice, but Miss von Forster relishes too much on a naturally pretty accent which is not the only needful thing in a song.

JOY IN JAPAN.

How the Capitulation of Port Arthur was Received.

(From Our Correspondent.)

TOKYO, January 4.

"Ryojunki is once more ours, Banzai!" That is the shout that might have been heard from one end of Japan to the other today, had one had ears to hear so far. The news was received sometime during the night of the 2nd and 3rd, that it was made known to the people at that time. By a prearranged signal of three guns, the populace were to be informed of the capture or capitulation of Port Arthur, and at about thirty minutes past midnight yesterday morning the three guns boomed out. The intelligence was at first received as a rumour, still intended to emphasise the festivities of the second of the great New Year Holidays, which are the 1st, the 3rd, and the 5th. New Year's Day itself is kept rather quietly, official calls are made by all classes and obsequies is made before the pictures of the Emperor and Empress by those who are privileged to perform that act of honour, ceremonial visits are made upon immediate relatives and particular friends but the mass of the people are disposed to remain quietly in their own homes and take their pleasure calmly in the bosom of the family. The 3rd is called the re-commencement of work, and shopkeepers attend their places of business for the first time, while the coolies who have occasion to carry merchandise through the streets, decorate their carts with flags and extra lanterns and resume their occupation with considerable shouting, and it may be suspected an extra cup or two of saké. The 3rd is given up to merry-making, to social gatherings that frequently run into riot, and the 5th brings to a close the distinct New Year's holidays with more or less of the repetition of the scenes and acts of the 3rd, although the women are more particular to perform certain religious duties at their parish temples or their favourite shrines. So when the Japanese people, who were inclined to take their pleasure in the somewhat dissipated fashion that is permitted on the 3rd, met together that morning, the news from Port Arthur had been confirmed, and probably the first toast—if we may use the term for the Japanese fashion of drinking together—was: "Hurray for the conquest of Ryojunki, and Banzai a million times for our Emperor and his redoubtable army and navy!"

All through that day, he who met his friends without expressing satisfaction at the news, whether he was a native or a foreigner, would have been looked at askance; and probably there are few foreigners who were not more than willing to give utterance to such congratulations, for whether their sympathies are sincerely and actively with the Japanese in this struggle or not, it would not be human to refrain from an expression of satisfaction that a step had been put to the wanton and senseless destruction of human life and the waste of material in the investment of Port Arthur. That there was a single Japanese who did not honestly express his sentiments when he shouted that Banzai, cannot be believed; for even those who are opposed to the war—from whatever motive—were glad that another long step had been taken towards the possibility of bringing the struggle to a close with that honour to Japan's arms which all expect. To-day the demonstrations have taken on a more general aspect. Meetings have been held in all the principal cities to give concerted expression to the joy. In Kyoto in front of the southern wall of the Imperial palace, a wide, open space covered with fine river gravel, and always kept scrupulously clean. Here at half-past two this afternoon thousands of the citizens of Kyoto assembled to shout "Banzai" for the capitulation of Port Arthur, and to give expression to their joy in other demonstrations. Either as a whole or in small groups, they were addressed by orators, all of whom congratulated Japan upon the success so far achieved in this war, but warned the people that it is not yet ended, and that in any event it is the duty of the people to bear themselves in victory, or in defeat, as becomes the citizens of a country which is now recognised as one of the Great Powers of the World. In Yokohama the demonstration was more characteristically boisterous. In Tokyo there has been, as yet, no concerted demonstration.

But if anyone supposes that the Japanese Government, officials, and people look upon as anything but a colossal bluff the alleged statement that the effect of the capitulation of Port Arthur upon Russia will be to incite her to renewed effort that must and shall be crowned with success, to the extent of driving Japan from the continent of Asia totally and forever, in the same category as that made by Karapakin months ago that the time had come to assert Russia's will and hurl back the insolent Japanese, and that of the absolute determination to hold Port Arthur forever, and that of a speedy reconquest of the seas by the Baltic Fleet, he makes a great mistake. It is stated in some of the despatches from abroad that Japan's victory have caused great surprise, and that they can hardly be expected to continue against such a first-class military Power as Russia. The Japanese press retorts, and in so doing it but gives voice to the sentiments of the

people, that it has never been conclusively demonstrated that Russia is a first-class military power. The Japanese say, with good reason, that Russia has been puffed up by the apprehensive fears of the other European nations, until she has become a colossal windbag, seemingly something portentous but actually nothing, and now Japan has successfully punctured the bag, let out the wind, and shown to the world what a bugaboo they have been making of Russia.

It is somewhat surprising to most people to learn that a bona fide offer was made by the Russian commander to surrender Port Arthur last October, if the garrison were allowed to march out with the honours of war. This offer Gen. Nogi declined. Setting aside, for the moment, the humanities of the case, it must be admitted that there was reason on his part. The defence of Port Arthur was continued as much for the purpose of preventing the investing army from being withdrawn to aid Gen. Oyama, as for any other purpose; and had the Russians been permitted to withdraw in their own way, they would have gone to swell the ranks of Karapakin's army, thus adding to the embarrassment of the Japanese. Besides, the almost contemptuous manner in which a previous suggestion by Gen. Nogi to capitulate had been received by Gen. Stoessel, did not tend to inspire respect among the Japanese.

SCOTS MARRIAGE LAW.
Its Curiousities Told in Verse.

The hearing of the case in which George Whitehead sought to prove that he is the lawful son of George Whitehead and Emily Gordon Whitehead was concluded yesterday by Sir Francis Jeune. Upon his success depended his title to £18,000.

Sir Francis Jeune, in giving judgment, said that the question whether a Scots irregular marriage was valid or not depended upon the intention of the parties. In this case the evidence appeared to be overwhelming that both parties intended to contract a valid marriage when they signed the documents on August 1, 1879.

In the event his lordship made a declaration to the effect that the petitioner was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, who were lawfully married on August 1, 1879.

Thus George Whitehead has successfully established that he is the lawful son of his parents, who went through a form of irregular marriage in Edinburgh in 1878. The marriage took place in a private house, and was evidenced by the fact that the petitioner's parents both signed a document written out by the petitioner's father, in which they both declared their consent to be husband and wife.

The law of irregular marriages in Scotland is admirably suited in verses which were composed in 1869 by an eminent Scotch judge, the late Lord Neaves. They are as follow:—

Ye tourists who Scotland would enter,
The summer or autumn to pass,
I'll tell you how far you may venture
To flirt with your lad or your lass:
How close you may come upon marriage,
Still keeping the wind of the law,
And not by some foolish misreading
Get wed and married at a.

This maxim itself might content you,
That marriage is made by consent,
Provided it be done de present,
And marriage is really what's meant.

Suppose that young Jack and Jenny
Say, "We're now husband and wife,"
The witnesses needn't be many,
They're instantly buckled for life.

Suppose the man-only has spoken,
The woman just gives a nod,
They're spliced by that very same token,
Till one of them's under the sod.

Though words would be bolder and blunter,
The want of them isn't a flaw;
For nuptial signique loquenter,
Is good consistorial law.

If people are drunk or delirious,
The marriage, of course, would be bad;
Or if they're not sober and serious,
But acting a play or charade.

It's bad if it's only a cover
For cloaking a scandal or sin,
And talking a landing on the water,
To let the folks lodge at her inn.

A third way of tying the tether,
Which sometimes may happen to suit,
Is living a good while together,
And getting married repeat.

But you, who are here as a stranger,
And don't mean to stay with us long,
Are little expected to that danger,
So here I may finish my song.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.
The Navy League, London, have sent us a circular giving the following particulars of the mercantile marine and persons employed therein:—The merchant shipping tonnage of the United Kingdom was 4,658,687 in 1860; in 1903 it was 10,284,604. British persons employed in 1860 totalled (excluding Lascars), 157,312, not including masters; in 1903 the total, including masters, was 176,520. The number of Lascars in 1860 was given at 335; in 1903 at 41,021. In 1860 there were 14,280 foreigners; in 1903 there were 40,395. The percentage of foreigners employed (including Lascars) in 1903 was 46.1.

Poverty in England.
The Times states that the amount of out-door pauperism in England has enormously increased of recent years. In London alone the poor law expenditure during 1904 showed an advance of £1,750,000 compared with 1884.

Naval Expenditure.
The Pioneer says that in the last ten years naval expenditure has advanced in England 83 per cent; in Russia 92 per cent; in Germany 148 per cent, and in the United States 185 per cent. There is a good deal of food for reflection in these figures.

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Hongkong, January 8, 1904. 20-5

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MONDAY
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TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEORGE P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 27, 1905. 180

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

On Monday, 6th February:—
From Pinewood, in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges of 2,000 to 6,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 a.m., and finishing at 10.30 a.m.

From Stonecutters West, in a Westerly direction, at ranges of 2,000 to 10,000 yards, commencing at 3 p.m., and finishing at 4 p.m.

On Thursday, 9th February:—
From Pottinger, Gough, Lyceum Road, towards the entrance to Junk Bay and also towards Waglan, at ranges of 600 to 14,000 yards, commencing at 9.30 a.m., and finishing at 12 noon.

From Pak-she Wan (Night firing), towards the entrance to Junk Bay, at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards, commencing at 7 p.m., and finishing at 8 p.m.

If the weather is unfavourable on either of the above dates, Practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

L. BARNES LAWRENCE,
Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department,
Hongkong, January 27, 1905. 181

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Hongkong, January 28, 1905. 57

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Hongkong, December 17, 1904.

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No.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
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- | Destination. | P. 5360. | |
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| Australian Ports | Empire (s) | Ninh, Livingston & Co. |
| Australian Ports | Tsintah (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Am'dam, L'don, A'ery | P'iam (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Am'dam, L'don, A'ery | Glancous (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Am'dam, L'don, A'ery | Idemoneous (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Am'dam, L'don, A'ery | Stent (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Am'dam, L'don, A'ery | Stent (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Gomca, Macao, L'pool | Petrolous (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Java Ports | Tijahjan (s) | Java-China-Japan Lip |
| Japan via Shanghai | Tijapanas (s) | Java-China-Japan Lip |
| Japan via Shanghai | Timihai (s) | Java-China-Japan Lip |
| London, &c. | Coroonahnd (s) | Java-China-Japan Lip |
| Mar. L'don, A'ery, &c. | Lawest Simons (s) | Messageries Maritime |
| Macao, Suez, Suez | Ruhl (s) | Shewan, Tomes & Co |
| Manila | Zafiro (s) | Shewan, Tomes & Co |
| Manila | Taming (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| New York v. Suez Canal | Chace (s) | Dodwell & Co. Limited |
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| Ningpo and Shanghai | Tunhu (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| San Francisco v. Japan | Mogolla (s) | Pacific Mail S.S. Co. |
| San Francisco v. Japan | China (s) | Pacific Mail S.S. Co. |
| San F'den via Japan | Murharia (s) | U. S. S. S. Co. |
| Shanghai | Chien (s) | U. S. S. S. Co. |
| Shanghai | Orland (s) | Shewan, Tomes & Co |
| Shanghai | Saitang (s) | Jardine, Matheson & Co |
| Singapore, P'ang, Cebu, &c. | China (s) | London, Weller & Co |
| Shanghai, Portland, &c. | Arabia (s) | London, Weller & Co |
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| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Reims (s) | Oaska Shoen Kaisha |
| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Yra (s) | Oaska Shoen Kaisha |
| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Pleides (s) | Butterfield & Swire |
| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Empress of India (s) | Dodwell & Co. Limited |
| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Empress of Japan (s) | Canadian Pacific R. Co. |
| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Athenian (s) | Canadian Pacific R. Co. |
| Singapore, Amoy & Ningpo | Japan (s) | P. & O. S. N. Co. |

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tonnage.	Part of Arrival.	Company or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.							
Agincourt	Wormon	British str.	2876	Oct. 29	Hillman & Co.		K'loon Dock
Beaufort	Thomson	British str.	2164	Jan. 23	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Bjornson Bjornson	Olson	Swedish str.	725	Jan. 23	A.gaard, Thorsen & Co.		
Burma	Olson	British str.	1074	Jan. 20	Order.		
Chatterhouse	Valentin	British str.	90	Jan. 20	Chinese		
Chibbi	Bainbridge	British str.	1124	Jan. 17	Butterfield & Swire		
Confianza	Hooker	British str.	1498	Jan. 16	Java China Japan Lijn.		
Condamel	Alco	Italian str.	2122	Jan. 20	G. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	Jan. 28.
Dezswangse	Montford	British str.	2122	Jan. 20	Melehera & Co.		
Elisabeth Rickmers	Gorken	German str.	3087	Jan. 18	P. R. Co.		K'loon Dock
Empress of India	Goehke	German str.	1018	Jan. 20	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		
Feiching	Marshall	British str.	1003	Jan. 20	M. S. N. Co.		
Friese	Hoejager	Danish str.	865	Jan. 20	Order		
Frithof	Andersen	Norwegian str.	480	Jan. 20	Swedish Steamship Co.	Santow & Tamsui	Jan. 29.
Forrest Hall	Haraldsen	Norwegian str.	891	Jan. 20	Swedish Steamship Co.		
Gaelic	Logan	British str.	1991	Jan. 18	O. S. S. Co.		
Hadan	Rednall	French str.	750	Jan. 25	R. Marty	Haitow & Pakhoi	Jan. 28.
Hacan	Andersen	British str.	636	Jan. 20	Douglas Steamship Co.	Swatow & Foochow	Jan. 29.
Haidun	Roch	British str.	1183	Jan. 20	Douglas Steamship Co.		
Haiton	Doncombs	British str.	2101	Jan. 24	Order		
Harlowton	Dawson	British str.	1910	Jan. 20	Chinese		
Higlander	Saker	British str.	206	Jan. 18	Wegener & Co.	Amoy	Jan. 28.
Hingway I	Andersen	French str.	705	Nov. 27	R. Marty		
Holstein	Horne	British str.	3162	Jan. 16	Jarline, Matheson & Co.		
Indraguna	Cullington	British str.	126	Nov. 28	Jarline, Matheson & Co.		
Indravell	Parsons	Japanese str.	3916	Jan. 21	Yusen Kaisha Nippon	Shanghai & Seattle	Jan. 27.
Iyo Maru	Ohlsen	German str.	623	Jan. 20	Butterfield & Swire		
Jacob Diederichsen	Wolter	British str.	1024	Jan. 20	Butterfield & Swire		
Kaifeng	Pinhorn	British str.	3149	Jan. 20	Bradley & Co.		
Kaishi	Wolter	British str.	3075	Jan. 20	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Katharine Park	Goesevich	German str.	1291	Jan. 26	Butterfield & Swire		
Kochabang	Kalkhofen	German str.	1246	Jan. 27	Jarline & Co.	Shanghai	Jan. 28.
Kongkong	George	British str.	1211	Jan. 30	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Kongkong	Davies	British str.	1737	Jan. 27	C. E. & M. Co.		
Kongkong	Schuyt	British str.	3140	Jan. 26	Amberg-Amerika Linie		
Kongkong	Davies	Norwegian str.	2009	Jan. 16	Mitsu Bussan Kaisha		
Kongkong	Leong	French str.	1198	Jan. 16	Bradley & Co.		
Kongkong	Lipke	German str.	2104	Jan. 26	Jarline & Co.		
Kongkong	Chen	British str.	2437	Jan. 35	Order		
Kongkong	Promer	Danish str.	3517	Jan. 16	Melehera & Co.		
Kongkong	Bromer	British str.	187	Jan. 16	hansen & Co.		
Kongkong	H. floor	British str.	199	Jan. 16	hansen, Tones & Co.	Shai & Yokohama	Jan. 28.
Kongkong	Reuter	German str.	1189	Jan. 16	Butterfield & Swire		
Kongkong	Almond	British str.	1611	Jan. 23	hansen, Tones & Co.	Yamls	Jan. 28.
Kongkong	Rehndt	German str.	988	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Kongkong	Rowley	British str.	3218	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Kongkong	Wheeler	British str.	1775	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Kongkong	Wheeler	British str.	1929	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Kongkong	Wheeler	British str.	1860	Jan. 24	Butterfield & Swire		
Kongkong	Wheeler	Norwegian str.	1418	Jan. 24	hansen, Tones & Co.		
Kongkong	Wheeler	British str.	887	Jan. 27	Jarline, Matheson & Co.	Swatow & Shanghai	Jan. 29.
Kongkong	Rullo	British str.	1128	Jan. 21	Jarline, Matheson & Co.		
Sailing Vessels.							
W. W.	Spence	British str.	3450	Dec. 21	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		

Ships.	Destinations.	Months.
24 Gilman & Co.		K'loon Do
25 Gibb, Livmiston & Co.		
26 A.gaard, Thoresen & Co.		
27 Trader		
28 Hinsee		
13 Butterfield & Swire		
16 Java-China-Japan Lijn.		
26 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	Jan. 28.
11. Melchers & Co.		
29 Armuoh, Karberg & Co.		
187 P. R. Co.		K'loon Do
240 M. S. N. Co.		
17 Trader		
26 Osaka Shosen Kaisha	Sawto & Tamsui	Jan. 29.
13 Standard Oil Co.		
110. & O. S. N. Co.		
25 A. R. Marty	Haitow & Pakhoi	Jan. 28.
27 Douglas Steamship Co.	Sawto & Foochoo	Jan. 29.
29 Douglas Steamship Co.		

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19	Doe'll & Co., Ld.	Amoy Jan. 28.
27	"Hincse	K'loon D.
18	Lutz, Wegener & Co.	
27	A. K. Murty	
16	Jarling, Marhesen & Co.	
28	Ordine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai & Seattle Jan. 27.
21	Yusen Kaisha Nippon	K'loon D.
8	Jehsen & Co.	
2	Burrerfield & Swire	
10	Hradley & Co.	
12	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.	K'loon D.
15	Putterfield & Swire	
27	Jenssen & Co.	
14	Gibb, Livingstone & Co.	Shanghai Jan. 28.
22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
27	C. E. & M. Co.	
28	Yusen Kaisha Line	

15.	Mit- ui Bussen Kaisha		
16.	Bradley & Co.		
26.	Jolsen & Co.		
9.	Order		
28.	Melcher & Co.		
18.	iemssen & Co.		
25.	hewan, Tonges & Co.	Shai & Yokohama	Jan. 28.
25.	Bitterfield & Swire		Jan. 28.

an.	23	Leuan, Tones & Co.	Swatow	Jan. 20
an.	2	Butterfield & Swire		
an.	12	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Singapore	Jan. 20
an.	2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Singapore & Calcutta	Jan. 31
an.	24	Butterfield & Swire	Cebu & Hongkong	Jan. 27
an.	46	Butterfield & Swire	Swatow	Jan. 31
an.	26	Shewan, Tomes & Co.		
an.	27	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Swatow & Shanghai	Jan. 29
an.	21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		

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1498	Gutzlaff.....	29.81	35	80	—	NW

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Hilo	28.83	87	—	NE	—
Cebu	28.88	82	—	N	2
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27th January — AT 10 A.M.

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5.9	11 35	5.9	2 6	5.9	2 6	5.9	2 6

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